



Scott Alvord – Roseville
Bonnie Gore – Placer County
Bruce Houdesheldt – Roseville (*Chair*)
Robert Weygandt – Placer County
James T. Williams – SPMUD (*Vice Chair*)

**MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
June 24, 2021**

The regular meeting of the South Placer Wastewater Authority Board of Directors was called to order at 9:30 a.m. at the City of Roseville Corporation Yard, 2005 Hilltop Circle, Roseville, CA.

Directors Present:

Krista Bernasconi
Bonnie Gore
Robert Weygandt
James Williams

Directors Absent:

Scott Alvord
Bruce Houdesheldt

Staff Present:

Osman Mufti, JPA Counsel
Pam Walsh, Board Secretary

Staff Absent:

Ken Glotzbach, Executive Director

Roll Call

Present: Bernasconi, Gore, Weygandt, Williams
Absent: Alvord, Houdesheldt

Closed Session

Public Employee Performance Evaluation- Executive Director
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b)(1).

No public comment was received on this item.

Closed session commenced at 9:33 a.m.

Vice Chair Williams adjourned the closed session at 9:40 a.m. South Placer Wastewater Authority Counsel, Osman Mufti, advised no reportable action taken.

Pledge of Allegiance

Director Gore led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Introductions

The following were in attendance: Shanti Landon, Robin Mahoney, and Jared Deck from Placer County, Herb Niederberger from SPMUD, and Nick Rosas, Janet Vargas, Bryan Buchanan, Teri Quinlan, Joe Mandell, George Hanson, and Todd Jordan from the City of Roseville.

Approval of Minutes, January 28, 2021

A vote was taken as follows:

MOTION by Director Gore, seconded by Director Weygandt, to approve the January 28, 2021, minutes.

Vote: Ayes: Gore, Weygandt, Williams
 Nos:
 Abstain: Bernasconi
 Absent: Alvord, Houdesheldt

Old Business Items

None

New Business Items

1. Resolution: Approval of Appointment of Acting SPWA Executive Director

SPWA Counsel, Osman Mufti, stated there was currently a need to fill the SPWA Executive Director role and asked if there were recommendations for an Acting Executive Director for the JPA.

No public comment was received on this item.

MOTION by Director Weygandt, seconded by Director Gore, to appoint Richard Plecker as South Placer Wastewater Agency's Acting Executive Director (Resolution 2021-05).

Vote: Ayes: Bernasconi, Gore, Weygandt, Williams
 Nos:
 Absent: Alvord, Houdesheldt

2. Resolution: Approval of FY2021-22 Investment Policy

Nick Rosas reported on the Authority's Investment Policy for FY2021-22 and asked that the Board adopt the Investment Policy, which would be effective July 1, 2021. Mr. Rosas noted that the policy had been amended to conform with SB998.

No Public Comment was received on this item.

MOTION by Director Gore, seconded by Director Weygandt, to adopt the South Placer Wastewater Authority Investment Policy for FY 2021-2022 (Resolution 2021-06).

Vote: Ayes: Bernasconi, Gore, Weygandt, Williams
 Nos:
 Absent: Alvord, Houdesheldt

3. Resolution: UV Disinfection Equipment Additions Budget Adjustment

Bryan Buchanan is the project manager of the UV Disinfection Equipment Additions Project. He stated, when the existing UV system was installed at the treatment plant in 2012, it was built with accommodations to add additional UV disinfection equipment. Since 2012, regulations on how the UV dose is calculated has changed and that change has caused the need for additional equipment.

Mr. Buchanan asked the Board to approve a budget adjustment for the UV Disinfection Equipment Additions project in the amount of \$1,500,000.00, for a total budget amount of \$4,020,000.00. This proposed budget adjustment will cover the design, procurement, and installation of the additional equipment.

Director Gore asked if there would be a requirement to replace the existing equipment with this new regulation, and Mr. Buchanan confirmed it would just require the installation of additional equipment and would not require a change to the existing equipment.

Director Weygandt asked if this would have any impact on the capacity going forward. Mr. Buchanan explained that the new regulation is not enforced unless a change is made to the system. Because equipment was added to the fourth treatment channel, it then became necessary to follow the new guideline. This necessitated having to add additional equipment to the existing system, which resulted in reduced capacity.

No Public Comment was received on this item.

MOTION by Director Gore, seconded by Director Weygandt, to approve a budget adjustment for the UV Disinfection Equipment Additions project in the amount of \$1,500,000 for a total budget amount of \$4,020,000. (Resolution 2021-07).

Vote: Ayes: Bernasconi, Gore, Weygandt, Williams
 Nos:
 Absent: Alvord, Houdesheldt

4. Resolution: Annual Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022

Teri Quinlan presented the Authority's proposed operating budget for fiscal year 2021-2022 and requested Board approval. Ms. Quinlan explained the fiscal year 2020-2021 budget was unofficially amended to reflect actual State Revolving Fund reimbursements received. The original budget anticipated receiving \$25 million in reimbursements from the State Revolving Fund; however, reimbursement from the State Revolving Fund is quite slow.

Director Gore questioned if the connection fees are based on the increased fee that will be effective July 1, 2021, and Ms. Quinlan confirmed they are.

Director Bernasconi asked if the number of residents who have not been disconnected for nonpayment affect the Authority's budget and Ms. Quinlan responded that it does not.

No Public Comment was received on this item.

MOTION by Director Weygandt, seconded by Director Bernasconi, to approve the Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 (Resolution 2021-08).

Vote: Ayes: Bernasconi, Gore, Weygandt, Williams
 Nos:
 Absent: Alvord, Houdesheldt

5. Information: Receive and File Items

The following items were on the agenda as Receive and File items:

- Investment Review
- Rate Stabilization Fund Balances as of April 30, 2021
- Connection Fee Program Report

Director Gore asked for clarification regarding the Rate Stabilization Fund balances and connection fees, and whether these dollars are utilized for future capital expenses or are used only for upgrades. Acting Executive Director, Richard Plecker, responded that connection fees are used for capacity-building projects, whereas rehabilitation projects are funded from operating revenues (rates).

Director Gore stated that the cost of connection fees is the same for all, including multiple family housing. Affordable housing and multi-family housing connection fee costs are very expensive, but the drain on the system may not be as great. She asked if it might be possible to reduce the connection fees while still covering expenses and future needs.

Vice Chair Williams stated SPMUD did an extensive study approximately three years ago and looked at comparative flows from various types of uses and it was discovered that single-family and multi-family dwellings were comparable.

Acting Executive Director Plecker commented that the Authority partners would meet to look into this further and discuss possible options.

No Public Comment was received on these items.

Reports/Comments – Board Members/Staff

Director Gore stated that the Placer County Board of Supervisors had an item before them regarding an annual connection fee increase for SPWA and that she did not recall that the Authority took action on this item. She asked if the annual connection fee automatically updated, or if the Authority is required to adopt the fee increase. Janet Vargas, EU Business Services Administrator, responded that the fee is automatically increased. Director Gore questioned why the Board of Supervisors was required to act on this item, but the Authority was not.


Acting Executive Director Plecker said some research would need to be done to accurately answer this question.

Public Comment


There was a request asking the Authority to clarify when the next Nexus study would be conducted for SPWA. Acting Director Richard Plecker will look into this and provide the information.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.



James Williams
Vice Chair



Pamela Walsh
Secretary to the Board